

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Friday, January 8, 2016
Minutes – Official

The January 8, 2016 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 10:07 A.M.

Members present were: Capt. Stacy Barrett, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Ms. Gina Young Cahee, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Mr. Carey Foy, Ms. Lois Jordan, Ms. Linda Lambert, Ms. Jodi Loar, Mr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Cindy Rushing, Ms. Brenda Sharp, Mr. John Warner Smith, Mr. Kahree Wahid, Ms. Carynn Wiggins, Mr. Alan Young, and Ms. Amy Zapata. Senator Conrad Appel, Representative Regina Barrow, Ms. Bonnie Buckelew, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Representative Steve Carter, Mr. Steve Gogreve, Mr. Albert Mancuso, Ms. Kim Matherne, Dr. David Perry, Ms. Paula Polito, and Dr. Roberta Vicari were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

Public comment was received from Toni Ledet.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Cindy Rushing.

Jenna Conway and John Warner Smith provided a presentation of the update from the Early Childhood Care and Education *Ad Hoc* Funding Workgroup.

1 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council *Ad Hoc* Funding Work Group “Report on Options for Funding Implementation of the Early Childhood Funding Model” with the following recommendations:

- The recommendations should include a glossary with information related to program terminology and background.
- The recommendations should reliably indicate whether funding is from a federal or state source.
- The recommendation for the “reduction or elimination of public assistance to non-public schools” should be removed.
- The recommendation to include Pre-K and child care as options in the scholarship programs should be clarified, and should be reorganized to emphasize the total state general funds spent on early care and education.
- The opportunity to use a portion of any increases in tax revenues should be included in the recommendation related to revenue dedications.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the formation of a workgroup to study the effectiveness of the coordinated enrollment process, pursuant to Bulletin 140.

- 2 On motion of Mr. Smith, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the recommendation to create a work group to study coordinated enrollment, coordinated funding, and the early childhood accountability system that will be comprised of Council members.

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 3 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting of the Council.

Anthony Recasner nominated Cindy Rushing as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 4 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Council approved Ms. Cindy Rushing as Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

Anthony Recasner nominated John Warner Smith as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 5 On motion of Mr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Blanco, the Council approved Mr. John Warner Smith as Vice Chair of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.

- 6 On motion of Ms. Blanco, and seconded by Mr. Young, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the January 8, 2016 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 11:57 A.M.